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SUBJECT: SECOND WEYERHAEUSER AMBUSH

REF: MANILA 10153

1. WEYERHAEUSER LOGGING OPERATIONS IN MILBUK, SULTAN KUDARAT (COTABATO) HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE AMBUSH REPORTED REFTEL. ON SEPTEMBER 4 COMPANY ATTEMPTED RESUME OPERATIONS IN PREVIOUSLY SECURE AREA FAR FROM FIRST AMBUSH SITE. VEHICLES RETURNING AT END OF DAY'S OPERATIONS WERE AMBUSHED 2 1/2 KM. OUTSIDE CAMP, RESULTING IN HALF DOZEN FATALITIES AND SEVERAL WOUNDED, INCLUDING PILOT OF COMPANY PLANE WHICH SENT ALOFT TO WARN LAGGARD VEHICLES.

2. PC DETACHMENT PROBED AMBUSH AREA, ENCOUNTERED SUPERIOR ENEMY FORCE STILL IN PLACE, AND WITHDREW.

3. WEYERHAEUSER OFFICIAL STATES AMBUSHES DIFFER FROM USUAL PATTERN IN THAT THEY HAVE COME WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING OR CONTACT FROM REBELS. ONLY COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN PAMPHLETS STATING THAT GROUP, WHICH APPARENTLY PRE-DOMINANTLY MUSLIM, IS NOT ENGAGED IN RELIGIOUS WAR BUT IS SEEKING ESTABLISH ITS OWN GOVERNMENT. AMBUSH VICTIMS HAVE NOT BEEN ROBBED, COMPANY EQUIPMENT HAS NOT BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DELIBERATELY PILLAGED OR DESTROYED, AND COMPANY IS

PUZZLED AS TO MOTIVES OF ATTACKERS.

4. TWO THOUSAND OF COMPANY'S EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS HAVE REQUESTED EVACUATION OUT OF TOTAL POPULATION OF ABOUT 3500 WEYERHAEUSER EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS AND 3500 NON-WEYERHAEUSER CHRISTIAN AND PAGAN RESIDENTS. COMPANY HAS ONE SHIP STANDING BY AND IS SEEKING OTHER VESSELS, BUT HOPES TO AVOID ANY EVACUATION. PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR IN ENCOURAGING COMPANY TO RETURN TO WORK HAD PROMISED ADDITIONAL PROTECTION IF ANY FURTHER INCIDENTS, AND WEYERHAEUSER OFFICIALS ARE IN PROCESS OF CONTACTING GOVERNOR AND SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ENRILE TO SEEK PROMISED TROOPS. WEYERHAEUSER STATES IT CONSTITUTES ONLY CHRISTIAN ENCLAVE IN LARGE AREA SOUTH OF LEBAK AND THAT ITS WITHDRAWAL WOULD MEAN ABANDONMENT TO MUSLIM FORCES OF THIS ENTIRE SECTION. IT IS THEREFORE BANKING ON GOVERNMENT BEING WILLING TO TAKE MEASURES NECESSARY TO AVOID WEYERHAEUSER PULL-OUT.  
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